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Chris; we have a call into the St. Paul District to see when they expect to issue the Polymet 404 permit. They told us December, 2017 before so I would assume the next few months, but we will check to see if they have a better estimate.

UTAC 404; Corps indicated that they will issue the permit, they are waiting on the 401(a)(2) decision.

Minnetac; The 404 permit was issued early 2016 for the Minntac Progression.

The only other mine we are aware of is Twin Metals, which is at the pre-NEPA stage. Their website states: "*Pending a resolution of its federal mineral rights, TMM expects to submit a formal mine plan proposal in the next two years, initiating a rigorous and thorough environmental review by multiple state and federal agencies as required by law*". This

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Hello Kevin and Wendy:

I was speaking to Kurt Thiede today, and he is trying to get a sense of what mining permits (**either NPDES or 404**) are still coming down the pipeline in **Minnesota**.

Here's what I think is on our doorstep or is coming our way:

NPDES:

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Minntac: We will be receiving a proposed NPDES permit for our review in the next month.

Please feel free to correct anything I've gotten wrong, and please advise if any other Minnesota mining NPDES permits are coming our way in the next year?

404:

Could someone please provide the status of any 404 permits for the above-listed projects and any additional Minnesota projects?

I need this by **COB Thursday**.

Thanks.

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